

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermont is celebrated for its places of natural beauty—from the scenic mountains to the rich wetlands; and

WHEREAS, conserving our natural resources and enhancing our environmental stewardship by protecting open spaces, restoring wildlife habitats, educating young people about the environment and taking actions to ensure its preservation, is an important part of ensuring that Vermont's abundant natural resources are accessible for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month provides an opportunity to recognize the community groups, environmental organizations, and state and local agencies who work diligently to protect our state's most precious treasures; and

WHEREAS, we must continue our commitment and protection of natural resources as a means of job creation and statewide economic development through tourism and recreation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June, 2016 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in Vermont and urge all citizens and visitors to explore and enjoy,
protect and conserve Vermont's Great Outdoors.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 2nd day of May, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor